

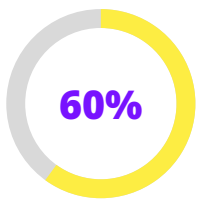
The Hidden Crisis

Foster & Transient Youth in America

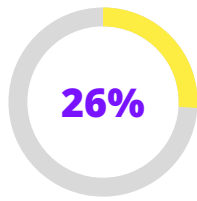
This overview sheds light on the extensive and often concealed trauma experienced by children across the United States, emphasizing the critical need for robust support and intervention. **The Karuna Youth Program advocates for collective action to heal and empower the most vulnerable among us, ensuring a more hopeful and resilient future for all youth.**



Prevalence & Effects of Trauma



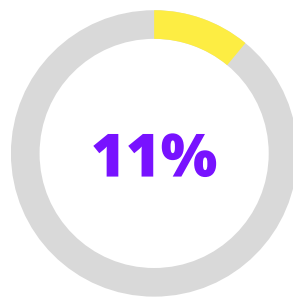
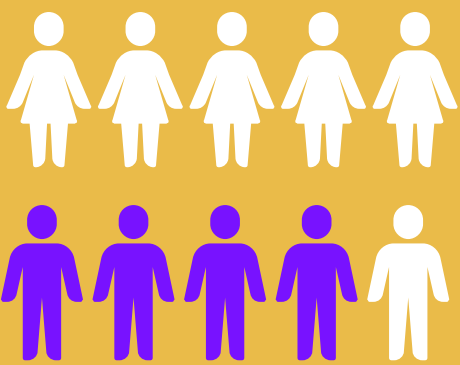
60% of adults report experiencing abuse or difficult family circumstances during childhood.



26% of U.S. children witness or experience a traumatic event by age four.

4 OUT OF TEN

children experienced a physical assault last year, with one in ten injured.



2% of all children experienced sexual assault last year, nearly 11% among girls aged 14 to 17.



Number of Cases of Child Abuse in 2021

*Reported & Confirmed Cases

446,838
Neglect

37,361
Psychological Abuse

93,907
Physical Abuse

11,303
Medical Neglect

59,328
Sexual Abuse

1,086
Sex Trafficking

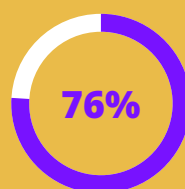
100,000+

Anywhere from 100,000 up to 300,000 American children at any given time may be at risk of exploitation due to factors such as drug use, homelessness, or other factors connected with increased risk for commercial sexual exploitation.

4+

**Children Die Every Day
Due to Abuse & Neglect**
Since 2003

39% of children aged 12-17 witnessed violence, 17% were physically assaulted, and 8% were sexually assaulted within a year.



Young children exposed to 5+ traumatic events in the first three years have a 76% likelihood of developmental delays.

Trauma increases risks of depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, and suicide attempts.

More than 60% of youth aged 17 and younger have been exposed to crime, violence, and abuse either directly or indirectly.

Be Part of the Solution

Join us in healing the wounds of the past. Support the Karuna Youth Program to help bring change and hope to America's youth. thekarunaway.com



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